

Bell companies operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning will stimulate competition and be of benefit to the consumers. To not do so would cripple the '96 Telecom Act. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country. SBC for one, is attempting a smear campaign to convince the public that it has the public's interest at heart. They would love to reverse the current situation and have the field all to them selves and then they could really rape the public. They bought Ameritech in Illinois and service went right in the toilet.